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To whom it may concern,

The current proposal Microsoft offered is unacceptable. They said that the schools could load applications that were offered by other companies such as media player or instant messenger. Well, all these are free. Quicktime, reelmedia player, AOL Instant Messenger, yahoo messenger, they are free with a charge for an upgraded "Pro" version which most schools wouldn't need. This is no harm to Microsoft. The next suggestion was to allow a dual boot on the computers. Well, I'm not sure but I don't think many students use Solaris, Unix, or Linux to run their word processing applications and especially the ones that come from the countries poorer schools. They would be greatful just to use a computer. Also Apple Computer's Macintosh OS does not run on an intel based computer so the largest holder of market share in the school sector would be hurt the worst.

As you can see from these examples, there would be no real change in the agreement because there is no monetary value to Microsoft's suggestions. The idea of a settlement is to punish a company for their wrong doing which would include doing commercial harm to the offending company yet Microsoft does not feel they should be harmed for what they did. It appears that Microsoft is trying to get away with a slap on the wrist when what they need is a good canning. Apple Computers CEO Steve Jobs had the best suggestion. Microsoft should be forced to pay one billion in cash so the schools can use the money to purchase whatever hardware and software they want. This would keep the company competing for market share instead of one particular company jumping to number one over a monopoly settlement.

Please review these thoughts and comments and seriously consider forcing Microsoft to accept the terms of a proposal or face further punitive damages.

Thank you for your time,
Sincerely,
Bryan Thurnau